NEW PUBLICATIONS.

TENNYSON.

DEMETER AND OTHER POEMS. By Alfred Lord Tennyson, D. C. L. P. L. 16mo., pp. 175. Macmillan & Co.

THE POETRY OF TENNYSON. By Henry Van Dyke. 12mo., pp. 206. Charles Scribner's Sons.

The poet who during the space of two full generations has held the public ear must expect, as he draws toward the end of so long a career, that critics will arise who are withheld by no traditional reverence or strongly moulding habit of admiration from questioning his pre-eminence, and sometimes upon grounds drawn from reactionary movements. Yet, to such as have lived long enough to remember the prime of Tennyson, we are inclined to think the strongest impression made by this, the Laureate's latest volume, will be surprise at the high average of excellence sustained by the octogenarian singer. If it be true that he does not touch herein the greatest heights of his earlier poetry, it is not less true that the new volume abounds with examples of noble verse; and that more than once—and most especially in the short but powerful poem entitled "Crossing the Bar"—it attains to an ideal of solemn faith and lofty preparedness for the great change such as indicates no decline of artistic skill or intellectual force. The melodiousness, the versatility, the powerful command of most diverse measures, the dramatic bent, and last, though not least, the faithful reflection of that "zeitgeist" of which Tennyson has always been the most trustworthy and sensitive register and indicator, are each and all here, and in good illustrations.

In "Demeter" we have the same classical spirit, the same musical blank verse, the same felicity of phrase, the same artistic delicacy, that characterized "Aenone," half a century and more ago. Curiously enough, too, we note in the later poem that peculiarly Tennysonian habit of blending his classicism with the purest modern thought. This was well exemplified in the "Lucretius," and later in the "Idylls of the King." We do not refer to it as a defect, for it is not so to be regarded; it is a distinctive mark of the sanest intelligence. For since all the experience of the living generation is inevitably derived from contemporary observation, it follows that the only really true representation, whether external or internal, whether of mind or of manners, is that which is so obtained. The historian, romance-writer or poet who hesitates to describe the past until he has acquired certitude concerning it, will remain ingloriously mute forever. No history truly pictures the past. All history depends largely upon imagination, and whoso leaves his own age to explore antiquity must rely upon this aid or expect failure. The conclusion of "Demeter" is in the vein of reflection which belongs to the nineteenth century, but it is not the less impressive because of this. In the opening lines, addressed to Lord Dufferin, there is a touching reference to the death of the poet's son on the way home from India and the funeral on the Red Sea.

"Beneath a hard Arabian moon
And alien stars."

But here the hope and assurance reach higher than in the days of "In Memoriam." The age of passion, even of strong sorrow, has passed. The tone is sad and subdued, but underlying the lament is this suggestion of the transiency of all things and secure dependence upon the final coming of "something good" out of whatever seems ill.

The few but graceful verses to Professor Jebb are in the delightful meter of the famous lines to Maurice, and not less pleasing to the ear. The dialect poem, "Owd Roa" is a dramatic idyll of the school of "Rizpah," though with a less tragical and moving motive. We confess that this kind of composition appears to us to be little more than "tours de force," and that we would gladly exchange even "The Northern Farmer" for another "Dora" or "Love and Duty." Turning from this unquestionably clever but somewhat unsympathetic lyric we come to the poem entitled "Vastness," and here Tennyson is almost at his best. Here at least we find this "zeitgeist" thoroughly and finely represented; the restless questionings, the impatience with partial solutions, the grasp of that largeness of view which only modern science has rendered possible, are all faithfully reflected in these wonderfully compact and pregnant verses. Optimism and Pessimism seemed joined in a given Dance of Death, and everything is about to be

"Swallowed in Vastness, lost in Silence, drown'd
in the deeps of a meaningless Past."

But as in "The Two Voices" the debate whose weight appeared to be leaning most strongly toward suicide, suddenly turns and emerges into light and hope, so the gloom here is broken with the thought of immortality, and the poet concludes:

"Peace, let it be! for I loved him, and love him for
ever; the dead are not dead, but alive."

"The Ring," which is dedicated to James Russell Lowell, is, despite its somewhat antique setting, dominated by a modern tone. In this poem, which is not one of the strongest in the volume, may be discerned a sympathetic response to that renaissance of interest in the supernatural which is the natural and inevitable reaction from the crass materialism of the eighteenth century. "Forlorn" takes us back a very long way, for it recalls "We were three sisters of one race," and "Oriana," and assuredly no fair critic can pretend that there is not in these fourteen stanzas a sufficiency of force and passion, while the refrain, with its variations to suit the changing theme, is singularly effective. Of "The Leper's Bride" it may be said that the central idea is infelicitous; that the thought of such a union is incurably repulsive, and therefore its employment bad art. But it will have to be acknowledged that Tennyson has used this extremely disagreeable subject so skilfully as to evolve from it a truly splendid illustration of womanly heroism and love stronger than death, and we think the end justifies the means completely. The beautiful poem called "The Progress of Spring" is introduced as an early composition laid aside and forgotten by the poet. Assuredly it bears no traces of juvenility or crudeness, but it serves to remind us that Tennyson's art was never halting; and that though no poet has shown himself more amenable to sound criticism, his equipment at the beginning was exceptionally complete. Another dramatic piece is "Romney's Remorse," and it is full of power and clear-cut impression. We will say no more of this volume save to observe that if Tennyson never should write another line his poetical career could not by any possibility be more nobly and fitly closed than with the pathetic and majestic verses bearing the title "Crossing the Bar."

JOHN H. INMAN FILES HIS ANSWER,

HE EXPLAINS HIS RELATIONS TO THE TENNESSEE COAL, IRON AND RAILROAD COMPANY.

John H. Inman, who was charged with obtaining large sums of money by buying the property of the Pratt Coal and Iron Company and selling it to the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, which it is alleged he controlled, filed an answer yesterday in the suit begun against him by the Tennessee Company in the United States Circuit Court. John E. Parsons is his counsel. Mr. Inman denies all charges of fraud in his dealings with the Tennessee Company.

As to the purchase and sale of the Pratt property he says: "The interests in the Pratt Coal and Iron Company of myself and of my associates were acquired by us on our own behalf, upon our own responsibility and with our own funds. We owned them absolutely and in our own right. We were never asked to acquire them for the Tennessee Company. We never undertook to do so. We were under no obligation to do so. The Tennessee Company had no right to expect that we should do so. It never made any such suggestion. It was in no position to make a purchase of the Pratt or any other property. In permitting the Tennessee Company subsequently to become interested in the Pratt property and in the transactions of which the company complains, I and Messrs Shook and Baxter were acting against our individual interests and in the interests of the company."

Mr. Inman says that in 1886 the stock of the Tennessee Company was selling at less than 50 per cent of its par value on a capital of $3,000,000. Since that time the capital stock has increased to $10,000,000, and the stock is now quoted at over 80 per cent of its par value. The increase he considers as due to the acquisition of the Pratt Company.

Mr. Inman says: "I never exercised influence or control, paramount or otherwise, of the Tennessee company. During all the time complained of William M. Duncan was a director and a member of the Executive Committee. His influence and that of those whom he represented was paramount." He says that he and some other members of the Executive Committee resigned before the meeting of April, 1889, because they were informed that Mr. Duncan did not wish to re-elect them. He was not, the complaint says, the financial agent of the company, as he never accepted or occupied that office, though he was appointed to it in 1881. Mr. Inman says as to his relations with the Tennessee Company: "I was a member of the Executive Committee. I have no recollection, however, of attending its meetings, except on two occasions."

Mr. Inman says that his profit from the purchase and sale of the Pratt Company stock was less than $145,000 at the market value of the securities received. He says in answer to the minor charges of defrauding the company in contract for the purchase of three blast furnaces and the raising of loans that his transactions were honorable.

Legal Notices.

EAST 52D STREET AND LEXINGTON AVENUE.—Supreme Court, City and County of New-York.—Franklin H. Gifford against John Z. Gifford and another, defendants. In pursuance of an interlocutory judgment of partition and sale made and entered in the above entitled action, and bearing date the 24th day of January, 1890, and pursuant to the order duly granted therein by the Hon. Miles Beach, Justice on said date, I, the undersigned, the referee therein named, will sell at public auction, at the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Room (Limited), Nos. 59 to 65 Liberty street, in the city of New-York, on the 24th day of February, 1890, at 12 o'clock noon of that day, by Smith & Ryan, auctioneers, the premises mentioned and described in same judgment, to wit: All that certain lot piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Nineteenth Ward of the city of New-York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Fifty-second street, distant easterly one hundred feet from the corner, formed by the intersection of the easterly line of Lexington avenue with the northerly line of Fifty-second street, running thence easterly along the northerly side of Fifty-second street seventeen feet, thence northerly and parallel with Lexington avenue one hundred feet and five inches, thence westerly and parallel with Fifty-second street seventeen feet, thence southerly and parallel with Lexington avenue one hundred feet and five inches to the northerly side of Fifty-second street, the point or place of beginning.
Dated New-York, January 30th, 1890.
GEO. W. McADAM, Plaintiff's Attorney, 51 Chambers street, N. Y. City. LEICESTER HOLME, Referee.

WAYNE SURROGATE'S COURT.—In the Matter of the Application of Wilson Soule, for Letters of Administration of the goods, chattels and credits of Asa T. Soule, deceased.
To the creditors against the estate of Asa T. Soule, deceased, formerly of the Town of Savannah, in the County of Wayne, and State of New-York:
You and each of you are hereby notified that the undersigned, Wilson Soule, intends to apply to the Surrogate of Wayne County, aforesaid, for letters of administration upon the goods, chattels, creditors and estate of Asa T. Soule deceased, aforesaid, under the provisions of section two thousand six hundred and sixty-seven of the Code of Civil Procedure, allowing the penalty of the bond required to be given upon administration shall not exceed twice the amount of the claims of creditors against the estate presented to the Surrogate, pursuant to a notice to be published as provided and required by said provisions of said Section 2,667 of said code, or allowing a bond for a sum not less than $5,000 to be given; and you, and each of you, the aforesaid creditors, are hereby also notified to present your claims against the said estate of said Asa T. Soule to the Hon. George W. Cowles, Surrogate of Wayne County, aforesaid, at his office, in the village of Clyde, in said county, of Wayne, on or before 11 o'clock in the forenoon of tenth (10th) day of March, 1890, at which time and place my application for such letters of administration will be made and the amount of the penalty of the bond required to be given thereon will be determined by the said Surrogate.
Dated January 28, 1890.
J. WELLING, Attorney, Rochester, N. Y. WILSON SOULE, Applicant.

Proposals.

PROPOSALS FOR DOESKIN AND FLAGS.—Phila. Depot of the Q. M. Dep't, No. 1,428 Arch-st., Philadelphia, January 29, 1890.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock a. m., Friday, February 28, 1890, for furnishing the U. S. Quartermaster's Department in this city with 500 yards of 6x4 Sky Blue Doeskin and 50 Post Flags. Bids for delivery at other points will be considered. Bidders must state the dates of their proposed deliveries. Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Preference given to articles of domestic production or manufacture, conditions of quality and price (including in the price of foreign productions or manufactures the duty thereon) being equal. Blanks for proposals and full information regarding the articles will be furnished by this office upon application. Envelopes containing proposals to be endorsed "Proposals for Doeskin, or Flags," as case may be, and addressed to undersigned. J. G. CHANDLER, Deputy Q. M. General, U. S. A.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, Scranton, Pa., until 7:30 o'clock p. m., Thursday, February 13, 1890, for the purchase of Ninety Thousand ($90,000) Dollars of Coupon Bonds to be issued by the City of Scranton, Pa. The said bonds are denominated "The Municipal Building Loan," and are in sums of One Thousand Dollars each, and dated February First, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety. The bonds are free of all taxes, the city assuming the payment of the same, and shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually at the City Treasurer's office, Scranton, Pa., and shall be redeemed as follows: Nos. one to fifteen, inclusive, on the first day of February, A. D. 1895; sixteen to thirty-five, inclusive, on the first day of February, A. D. 1900; thirty-six to sixty, inclusive, on the first day of February, A. D. 1905; sixty-one to ninety, inclusive, on the first day of February, A. D. 1910. Proposals, to be considered, must be for the whole amount of bonds to be sold, and the city shall receive the interest accruing on the bonds from February 1, 1890, to the date of delivery of bonds to purchasers. Proposals shall be marked "Proposals for Municipal Building Loan." Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer of city of Scranton for five per cent. of the amount bid, which shall be forfeited to the city in case said bid is not complied with. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. By order of Councils.
M. T. LAVELLE, City Clerk.
Scranton, Pa., January 23, 1890.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, ROOM 209, STEWART BUILDING, 280 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK. New-York, January 16th, 1890.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Bids or proposals for building an earth and masonry dam for Reservoir "M," on the Titicus River, near Purdy's Station, in the Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New-York, with gate-house and other appurtenances, as called for in the approved forms of contract and specifications on file in the office of the Aqueduct Commissioners, will be received at this office until 3 o'clock p. m. on February 5th, 1890, at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the Aqueduct Commissioners and the award for doing said work will be made by said Commissioners as soon thereafter as possible. Blank forms of contract and specifications therefor and bids or proposals and proper envelopes for their enclosure can be obtained at the above office of the Aqueduct Commissioners, on application to the Secretary.
By order of the Aqueduct Commissioners.
JAMES C. DUANE, President.
JOHN C. SHEEHAN, Secretary.

Lost and Found.

LOST OR STOLEN.—Bank-book No. 229,754, issued by the German Savings Bank in the City of New-York to Charl Heidicker. All persons are cautioned to negotiate the same and requested to deliver the book to the bank, corner 14th-st. and 4th-ave. If not restored on the 25th day of February, 1890, application will be made to the bank for a duplicate.
February 4, 1890.

LOST.—Bank-book No. 188,485 on Dry Dock Savings Bank. Any person having claims upon said book is called upon to present the same to the bank within thirty days, or the said book will be declared cancelled and extinguished, and a new one issued in lieu thereof.

Proposals.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING MATERIALS AND PERFORMING WORK IN THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF THE NEW CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 371, LAWS OF 1887.

SEALED ESTIMATES FOR THE ABOVE work, indorsed with the above title, also with the name of the person or persons making the same, and the date of presentation, will be received at the office of the Comptroller, Rooms Nos. 14 and 15, Finance Department, Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway, in the City of New-York, until the 12th day of February, 1890, at 12 o'clock m., at which place and hour the bids will be publicly opened by and in the presence of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, or a majority of them, and read, and the award of the contract, if awarded, will be made to the lowest bidder, with adequate security, as soon thereafter as practicable. The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at the office of the Department of Public Works, with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and thereupon the work shall be readvertised and relet, and so on until the contract be accepted and executed. The work to commence at such time as the Commissioner of Public Works may designate.

N. B.—Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate. No bid will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Bidders are required to state, in their estimates, under oath, their names and places of residence; the names of all persons interested with them therein; and if no other person be so interested, they shall distinctly state the fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making any bid or estimate for the same purpose, and that it is in all respects fair, and without collusion or fraud; and also that no member of the Common Council, or Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two *or more* householders or freeholders in the City of New-York, *with their respective places of business or residence*, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, became bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New-York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract and stated in the proposals, over and above all his debts of every nature, *and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise*; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with an intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered will be subject to the approval of the Comptroller after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

For the nature and extent of the work to be done bidders are referred to the specifications hereunto annexed, and the plans and drawings therein mentioned, which can be seen at the office of Thom, Wilson & Schaarschmidt, No. 1,267 Broadway; said specifications, plans and drawings form part of these proposals.

The entire work is to be completed within 500 days after notice to commence work has been given by the Commissioner of Public Works.

The damages to be paid by the Contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at one hundred ($100) dollars a day.

Note—Bids will be received as follows:
1. Bids for the entire work as per *combined* specifications.
2. Bids for all works included in the specification of the *Mason Work*.
3. Bids for all works included in the specification of the *Iron Work*.
4. Bids for all works included in the specification of the *Carpenter and Joiner Work*.
5. Bids for all works included in the specification of the *Plumbing Drainage and Gas fitting*.

Bidders must state in writing, and also in figures, a price for the whole work on which they may bid, complete, which price is to cover the furnishing of all necessary materials and labor, and the performance of all the work set forth in the specification and form of agreement hereunto annexed, included within the portion for which the bid is made.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New-York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must NOT be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New-York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract and give the proper security within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

The amount of security required is twenty-five per cent of the amount bid for the entire work or for any portion thereof, as hereinabove specified.

The right is reserved by the Commissioners to reject all bids if they shall deem it for the interests of the Corporation so to do.

Blank forms of estimates or proposals, and the form of agreement, including the specifications for the work, can be obtained on application at the office of the Comptroller, No. 280 Broadway.

New-York, January 10, 1890.

HUGH J. GRANT, Mayor;
FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder;
THEODORE W. MYERS, Comptroller;
RICHARD CROKER, Chamberlain;
WALTON STORM, Chairman Committee on Finance, Board of Aldermen;
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Public Notices.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.—Notice is hereby given that William M. Townley, of the city of Newark, Essex County, New-Jersey, hath this day made an assignment to the subscriber of his estate for the equal benefit of his creditors, and that the said creditors must exhibit their respective claims, under oath or affirmation, at his residence, Morristown, New-Jersey.
Dated, January 14, 1890.
STEPHEN A. GUERIN, P. O. Box 269, Morristown, N. J.